

REMARKS

This application represents a division of the parent 09/831,244, which was required for restriction and for which original filed claims 20- 30 inclusive were elected for that (parent) prosecution. Original filed claims 1 – 19 are the subject of the present application. Minor amendment to these (later, non-elected) claims was effected through a preliminary amendment (paper #5) of that parent application. Claims 31-33 (non-elected for the parent prosecution) are here canceled.

Original filed claims 1- 19 and 31-33 were separately grouped by Restriction Requirement mailed 8/06/02 (paper #8, parent application). An Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith includes references relevant to detachable accessories for atomic absorption spectrometry and to self-identification of essential components (lamps) for atomic absorption spectrometry.

Substantial re-arrangement of the specification of the parent application was required by the Examiner and a substitute specification was filed to comply therewith. An abstract, apparently missing from the originally filed (PCT/AU) specification, was supplied in response to an Office Action issued in the parent prosecution. Although these actions were taken in response to the first action on the merits, prosecution of this divisional application is assumed to follow upon these amendments.

The elaboration of claims directed toward the exchangeable character of the accessory feature of the spectrometer constitute claims 1 through 8.

Dependent claims 9 through 19 establish the self-identification of the particular accessory to the remainder of the spectrometer through an identifying voltage originating in the accessory.

Applicant believes that the present claims, as here amended form a proper set for examination.

Respectfully submitted,



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